

# Honolulu Star-Bulletin

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## PROGRESS OR DELAY?

Stripped of non-essentials, the question before the voters on the municipal bond proposal is whether they will vote for a year of progress or a year of delay in creating Greater Honolulu.

If the tax-increase plan could be put into effect immediately the situation would be entirely different. But Supervisor Hatch holds, and A. Lewis, Jr., holds and Lorrin A. Thurston holds and any number of other good authorities hold that the tax-increase cannot be made effective until January, 1918, and unless this first bond issue carries, Honolulu stands still. The best legal advice that the tax-increase advocates can get is that their plan may be carried out in 1917, but the majority of opinion is against it.

Meanwhile Honolulu is behind in its municipal improvements. It is behind in water and sewer facilities. It is behind in roads. It is behind in parks and public bathing facilities.

Is Honolulu to stay behind-time or to catch up? Isn't it worth a million dollars to this very prosperous city to GET IN STEP WITH PROGRESS?

## MEANWHILE, THE BUMPS ARE THERE.

If anything but a point of dignity now blocks progress on Kalaheua avenue the public would like to know what it is.

The supervisors have gone half-way to meet the street railway company, and up to the point where the company refused to accept the public contributions raised by Superintendent Forbes, the street railway had done its part handsomely. It had declared its readiness to relocate its Kalaheua avenue tracks. It had declared its readiness to stand half the expense.

Having gone half-way, the supervisors could go not an inch further because they were blocked by the city attorney's office. The Star-Bulletin does not endorse the stand taken by Deputy Attorneys Cristy and Carden, nor do we believe the public indorses it. But they took their stand on a point of law and it was soon evident that the supervisors could not contribute the \$4000 they were ready to contribute, without the probability of litigation—and litigation means delay.

Superintendent Forbes ended the deadlock—or found a way to end the deadlock. He went out and raised \$3000 by public subscription to pay that part of the Kalaheua avenue expense which the Rapid Transit Company felt it should not have to pay. The Rapid Transit Company agreed to go a thousand dollars stronger than it first intended, and now stands ready to put in \$5000 of the \$8000 expense of relocating the tracks.

But the Rapid Transit directors refuse to accept the \$3000 Forbes raised. The directors say "We are not running a charitable institution." They take the stand that they cannot accept a contribution from the public.

As the situation knots up, there are three ways out, and any of these ways will be welcomed by a long-suffering public.

The first is for the Rapid Transit to waive the point of refusing to accept a contribution from the public.

The second is for the Rapid Transit to pay all of the expense of relocating its tracks.

The third is for the supervisors to pass their proposed appropriation of \$4000 over the protest of the city attorney's office, and for the Rapid Transit to back them in this stand to the extent of proceeding with the relocation of the tracks while litigation or any other development of the supervisors' action blocks actual payment of the city's share.

There is one point of dignity sticking up into the Kalaheua atmosphere—and a couple of thousand real bumps which are points of indignity for Honolulu.

That Russian drive was all right, but the approach seems to have been badly fozzled.

## INADEQUATE.

John Ginza, the Japanese who murdered George O. Cooper of Hana, Maui, was allowed to enter a plea of guilty to murder in the second degree and was thereupon given a sentence of life imprisonment.

The crime was as cold-blooded and crafty as any in the police annals of the Valley Island, probably as any in the history of these islands. For five years this Japanese had carried in his revengeful brain the project of some day "getting" the plantation man with whom he had had a trivial dispute. For months he plotted actively to carry out his design of murder. When he finally came upon his victim, alone, he shot him from his horse and then finished the bloody deed, after which he fled. But for one or two slips in his carefully-laid scheme—the kind of slips which often leave clues to violent crime—Ginza might never have been hunted down.

The Japanese was allowed by the Maui authorities to enter a plea of guilty to second-degree murder because they did not believe there was enough evidence to convict him on a first-degree charge. The main evidence against him was his confession, which he could have repudiated on the stand. The rest was circumstantial.

It is, of course, best known to the Maui prosecuting attorney what he could have done had he fought the case to get a conviction on a first-degree charge. Probably he had good reason to believe there was no chance of a conviction. The fact that Ginza escaped the hangman's noose shows the difficulty in Hawaii of securing the extreme penalty for a crime which is a clear case of damnable murder.

Republican and independent voters of the fourth district might as well put it down in their memories now to bring out on election day that the Democratic spell-binders are using every argument of prejudice to swing the fourth district vote. They are using the race issue and the frontage-tax argument, and both with a reckless disregard for truth. A Republican campaigner declares that unless the fourth district wakes up, several of the good Republican candidates for the house will be defeated and the vote of prejudice in both fourth and fifth districts is likely to get a seat in the senate.

From all reports politics on Maui this year has assumed something like the old-time vigor. The fight between George P. Cooke and Dr. J. H. Raymond for the senate is close and hot. The political luan, almost forgotten in the 1916 campaign, has been revived and the candidates are kept busy making speeches and paying for pig and poi. The Republicans have called into service such warhorses as R. W. Breckons, W. O. Smith and John H. Wise, while the Democrats are pointing with pride to the fact that Dr. Raymond stands for an increase in wages to the honest laborer in county employ.

J. J. McNamara, the dynamiter for whom a parole is to be asked, ought to stay in prison awhile longer. He confessed to a brutal, cowardly crime, and though it was not the murder of the Los Angeles Times victims, there is plenty of reason to believe that McNamara, like his brother, was part of the nation-wide gang of dynamiters with headquarters at Indianapolis. He ought to serve his full term, and the structural iron workers are merely writing themselves down as sympathizers with labor violence when they start a movement now for his parole.

Carranza is going to run for president again. There's no one-term plank in his platform, and if there were, he has plenty of precedent in ignoring it.

However, what many voters are trying to figure out is how they can cast a vote of protest against both Kuhio and Link.

Rumania's situation is rapidly getting no better.

## BOURBON ATTACK TURNED LOOSE ON FRONTAGE TAXING

Democratic orators and candidates launched a hot attack on the frontage tax at their meeting last night at the Kunahe block, Queen street.

C. L. Almeida, candidate for the house, fourth district, declared: "It is a disgrace to the people to have the frontage tax. It deprives you of your home. If you want to pay your roads and lose your homes, vote the Republican ticket; but if you want the government to pay for your roads—you pay enough taxes now—then vote for the Democratic ticket."

Another candidate for the house from the fourth district, E. H. F. Wolter, got after the Republicans for alleged wrongdoing in handling the Rapid Transit franchise. He said:

"They passed a franchise in that last legislature of which they had no right. They gave a concession to the Rapid Transit Company for 25 years longer. Just think of it, without a cent being paid to the Territory of Hawaii! They never paid a cent ever since the Rapid Transit has been running. They have never paid in a 10-cent piece as taxes. Now, are we going to keep going that way when we have at the present day a haul that stands ready and is willing to pay a million and a half for that concession."

M. C. Pacheco, candidate for the senate, declared that the frontage tax law means that some poor people are going to lose their homes. He said, in part:

"I am given to understand that C. H. Cooke spoken down here in some moving picture theater this week and tried to tell you people, and did tell you people, that the frontage tax law is a good thing for the poor man. I tell you Mr. Cooke did not mean a word of what he said. I don't believe he meant a word of it. He knows better. Well, now suppose that our supervisors will create all of this district an improvement district and assess you people the cost of building these roads against you. All you people have to work hard for a living and I believe some of you are strikers and are out of employment because the employers have not met your demands—they have been underpaying you—and have not met your demands and some of you are out of employment today. What would happen if you had to pay the cost of roads in this district? Some of you would lose your homes."

to telephone A. Kalei Aona on Saturday morning for definite information as to whether the trial will be held.

## HACKFELD & CO. RAISES PAY OF MANY EMPLOYEES

Acting voluntarily, the firm of H. Hackfeld & Company, Ltd., has increased the wages of its teamsters, warehouse and storehouse employees an average of \$2 a week. Announcement of the raise was made today by Manager August Humburg of the company's merchandise department.

"We have had this increase under consideration for some time," said Manager Humburg, "and in taking action we consider the raise justifiable in view of present conditions, higher cost of living and other factors. It went into effect with the payday on October 14."

Employees who are benefiting from the raise total 61 and include Hawaiians, Portuguese, Koreans, Japanese, Chinese and one white boy. The increase is the first general one made by the company in several years. Storehouse and warehouse men who have been receiving an average of \$10 a week are now paid \$12, while drivers whose pay was \$12 now get \$14. The company also continues the pay of its employees who may be taken sick and pays them for holidays, too.

## DEMOCRATS TURN DOWN REQUEST FOR BOND TALKS

The request of the bond committee of the board of supervisors to have speakers talk on the bond question at the Democratic rallies has been refused by William A. Bryan, chairman of the Democratic territorial committee, in a letter received today by Daniel Logan. A similar request was sent to the Republican committee, but as yet no answer has been received.

In his letter Bryan said, "As the question of city bonds at this time is not a regular territorial campaign issue, but is a city and county measure entirely of Republican origin, and as the proposal as a whole is not generally favored by Democratic candidates, the appearance of any Republican member of your committee on the Democratic platform in our meetings would lead to misunderstandings and confusion in the minds of the voters since the proposal is being opposed by

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a number of the individual candidates. It does not seem advisable to accede to your request." Harry Murray, acting chairman of the Republican committee, said today that he had not definitely decided what his answer will be, but offhand, he is opposed to the request.

Pakamara, a Hawaiian employee of Frank Andrade on the Mills Institute grounds, sustained a fractured leg Wednesday afternoon when attacked by a steer which he was attempting to rope for the purpose of deboning. The injured man received first aid at the emergency hospital and is now in the Queen's hospital.

Giovanni Libretto, dead in New York, ordered \$10,000 spent on his funeral.

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## SUCCESS GAINED BY WORKERS FOR CHILDREN'S FILMS

Steadily growing success of the Friday afternoon children's matinees at the Liberty theater warrants the League for Good Films in believing that ultimately the movement can be extended to all islands and approved films shown at special children's performances throughout the territory.

Mrs. F. J. Lindeman, president of the organization, said yesterday that the theater managers and the workers are cooperating effectively in getting larger and larger attendances at the Liberty and putting on high-class entertainment and educational movies. Superintendent of Instruction Kinney and the school principals are also giving strong support. The league is hoping now to widen its influence, securing more members for the small fee of 51 yearly.

On Friday "The Girl and the Game," a very interesting picture, will be shown. Also "The Girl and the Game" is to be shown on a Sunday.

## DETENTION HOME BOYS BALK AT INTRODUCTION TO SHEETS AND BATHS

Eleven boys were lodged in the detention home last night and, as a result of this first experience with young men destined for the reform school, a serious problem has presented itself to Mrs. Joe Leal, matron.

The boys decline—actually refuse—to sleep between sheets. When they opened their beds last night and viewed the snowy white linen, they balked. They refused to get in between them. It was too cold there, they declared. So each boy lay down on the top sheet, wrapped his blanket about him and went to sleep.

Two of the boys, who had been in the habit of sleeping beneath a stable in Kakaako, were introduced to a shower bath and struck on the spot. One of them was sick, and that a bath would make him worse. Judge Whitney remarked that his sickness might have been due to too few baths. But when the boys felt the water and found it so warm they jumped up and down. They demanded a bath before they would sleep.

A bath was given Monday to Mr. and Mrs. Cooke of 2349

## WHITNEY'S JURY MAY BE CALLED FIRST OF WEEK

Providing the case of the Bishop Estate, against the Waiwala Agricultural Company, an action for ejectment, goes to trial in Circuit Judge Whitney's court next Monday morning, the trial jurors will be wanted in court at 9 o'clock. It was reported on good authority in court circles today, however, that a discontinuance may be filed.

Following are Judge Whitney's trial jurors: E. T. Collins, George Markham, J. T. Gandall, Robert Law, F. F. Hernandez, David Kanuba, Harry C. Bruns, F. S. Lyman, Jr., C. D. Samson, E. M. Scoville, Robert R. McElldowney, Donald Macintyre, C. M. Hicks, Theodore Wolff, George K. Lowe, M. M. Johnson, J. A. Noble, Henry K. S. Yap, David Cronin, J. E. Cummings, J. I. Whittle, Julius Unger, O. H. McCarriston, G. R. Humphreys, W. J. Forbes and Frank Bechert.

Members of the panel are requested